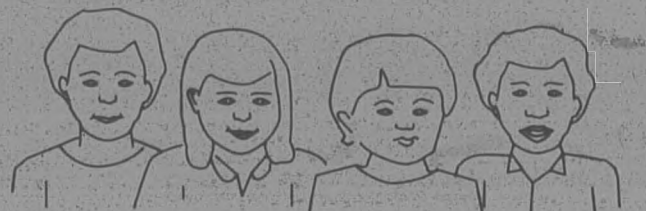




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Jumpstart Kindergarten planned for Elba Elementary July 30 and 31

Elba Elementary School will be holding Jumpstart Kindergarten on Monday, July 30th and Tuesday, July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jumpstart is for kindergartners who will be attending Elba Elementary for the 2001-2002 school year. If your child did not attend Elba Elementary for the 2000-2001 school year and you are planning for them to attend for the 2001-2002 school year but have not filled out registration paperwork, please come by the office to do so. In order to register a student for school you must bring a copy of the student's social security card, and an up-to-

NOTICE:
Look for Elba Elementary School's Supply List (Grades K-6) for the 2001-2002 School Year next week in The Elba Clipper.



Elba Elementary School partnership with Coffee County Extension Office held Summer School titled "Soar Into Summer" for students in third through sixth grades. "Soar Into Summer" began on June 4 and ended on June 28. The purpose of the Summer School was to do remedial work with the students in the areas of reading and math; however, the students and teachers have had many valuable and enjoyable experiences above and beyond the subject areas. At the beginning of Summer School each student submitted a piece of art to go along with the "Soar Into Summer" theme. One piece of art was selected to be the design for the Summer School T-shirt. Tamiann Parker was the winner of the T-shirt design competition. T-shirts were printed for each student and were worn on their field trip to the movie Atlantis on June 27. A pizza party was the culminating activity for "Soar Into Summer." School officials said they feel "Soar Into Summer" was a great success and beneficial for all involved.

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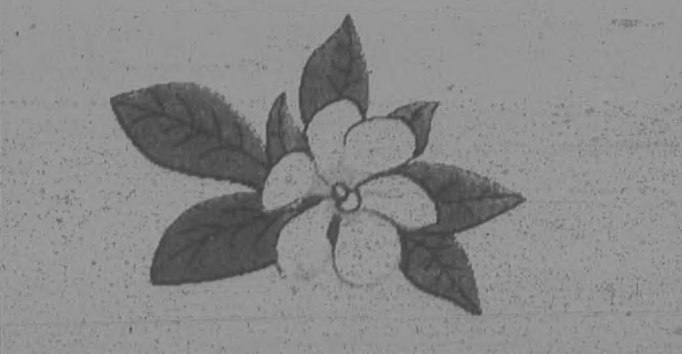
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Elba Firefighters participating in the recent Firemanship 1 course were (from left) kneeling - George Homyak and Timmy Richards; standing - Danny Jordan - instructor, Gappa Wise, J.C. Smith, Wesley DeVane, Greg Sowell, Benny Wilkerson and Michael Adcock. Also participating but not pictured were Tim Roubidoux and Keith Rushing.

Firefighters complete Firemanship 1 course

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The firefighters of the Elba Fire Department continuously search for ways of improving their service to the people, and recently several of the firefighters have done just that.

10 firefighters of the Elba Fire Department, as well as some from the departments of Ino and 5-Star, have just recently completed a Firemanship 1 course.

The course was taught by Danny Jordan, an Elba volunteer fireman and certified instructor for the Alabama State Fire College.

"The Firemanship 1 course really stresses safety," Jordan said. "We want to get them (firefighters) to realize that the safer they are, and the more they know about fire, the easier it will be for them to handle what comes before them."

He said the course is a basic beginners course which covers topics to enhance the firefighters overall knowledge of what a fire department consists of and how it operates.

Topics covered during the course duration included fire behavior, building construction, personal protective equipment, rescue and extrication, forcible entry, ventilation and safety.

"Fire is not just hot," said Jordan. "It burns for a reason. If you learn how it starts, you learn how to stop it."

Every building is different, and Jordan said the firefighters spent time learning about the different locks, doors and structures they may one day be asked to enter.

"When firefighters reach the scene of a fire, they are entering a situation that is out of control," he said. "Our goal is to be prepared so we can take control of what is out of control and put the fire out."

With the Elba Fire Department being a volunteer fire department, Jordan said the firemen were not required to take the course, but it was a good way for the firemen who did participate to learn better ways of handling situations through their increased knowledge about the department, its equipment and the situations they may be asked to cope with during a fire.

"We are trained and trying to do a good job for the people," said Elba Fire Chief Larry Goodson. "It may not look like we're doing a good job all the time, but we are always working to improve our fire service."

With annual training such as the Firemanship 1 course, Jordan said the Elba Fire Department is better qualifying itself to assist the people in need.

After all, he said the Alabama Fire College and Personnel Standards Commission says it best with the remark, "When a community improves its fire protection, everyone benefits."

Jordan said a Firemanship 2 course will be taught at the Elba Fire Department in the upcoming months, and he hopes to have even more participation with this course. Whereas the Firemanship 1 course was more of a knowledge course, he said the Firemanship 2 course will be more hands-on and should give the firefighters a better "feel" of how things can be done.

Maddie's Fund designed to help control pet population

As many as 40,000 Alabama cats and dogs may be eligible for a new spay/neuter program offered through the Alabama Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA) with the cooperation of the Alabama Humane Federation, the Alabama Animal Control Association, and a program called Maddie's Fund.

Thanks to a grant, low-income pet owners in the state may take advantage of drastically discounted spay/neuter programs that will be offered. As goals are achieved, Maddie's Fund will make approximately \$2.5 million available for the project over the next two years.

Through this program, a Medicaid-eligible family will qualify for this veterinary service at the low cost of \$5 per cat or \$10 per dog, with a limit of six animals per household.

The eligible pet owner can simply make an appointment with one of the participating doctors for the cat or dog to have the surgery done at the expense of Maddie's Fund.

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Area Happenings

DIABETES SEMINAR The Alabama Cooperative Extension System/Coffee Office and Medical Center Enterprise will sponsor a Diabetes Seminar on Thursday, July 19, from 10:30 a.m. until 12 Noon in the Community Room at the Farm Center in New Brockton. The seminar will be presented by Robert E. Hambough Jr., MD, and is free to the public.

COMMISSION MEETING The Coffee County Commission will hold its regularly scheduled bi-monthly meeting on Monday, July 23, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room of the County Complex in New Brockton.

ZION CHAPEL LITTLE LEAGUE FOOTBALL Football registration for Zion Chapel's little league program will be held Monday, July 23, and Tuesday, July 24, from 5-7 p.m. at the Zion Chapel Schools.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION Elba High School 7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. Also, the students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms. PLEASE SEE Page 3 for further Elba High School information.

Coffee County BOE meeting held Ingram accepts superintendent's job

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Coffee County Board of Education held its first meeting Thursday morning, July 12, under the helm of new superintendent Dr. Linda Ingram.

Board chairman Charles Walker began the meeting by officially announcing that Ingram had accepted the position as superintendent of the Coffee County School System.

Thursday, July 12, was her first official day as superintendent.

"Thank you all for giving me the opportunity to serve as superintendent," said Ingram. "I am thrilled and I promise I'll do my best."

On that note, the new superintendent and board members began their first meeting together.

Ingram began by making board members aware of the need for a budget amendment due to federal and state funding allocations received after the original budget was set. She said the increase in gasoline prices made the budget amendment necessary to reflect costs.

The board voted unanimously to approve the budget amendment.

A couple of bids were awarded by the board.

The board had previously accepted bids for bread and bakery service for the school system.

Walker asked if the bid indicated whether or not the paper was import or domestic. He said he had just recently become

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SECRETS OF THE TRADE... The name Ronald McKinnon is well recognized in Elba and Coffee County, especially when the subject is football. McKinnon, a defensive linebacker for the Arizona Cardinals in the National Football League (NFL), began his football career in Elba as he played for the youth football leagues. Later, he was a high school standout for the Elba Tigers, and then continued his success on the collegiate level at the University of North Alabama. Today, McKinnon remains a football standout as a member of the Cardinals organization, but he has not forgotten about home. Last Saturday, July 14, McKinnon returned home to Elba as host of the 3rd Annual Ronald McKinnon Football Camp. The camp was open to all players of any age as McKinnon and other area coaches helped local youngsters improve their fundamental skills for the game of football. Above, McKinnon (left) works one-on-one with some of the participants of this year's camp. For more information on the Ronald McKinnon Football Camp, please see Page 9.

Citizens urged to beware of mosquito bites

Residents of south and central Alabama are urged to take measures to avoid mosquito bites. According to the Alabama Department of Agriculture and Industries, horses in Baldwin, Covington and Geneva counties of Alabama have been diagnosed with Eastern Equine Encephalitis or EEE. In addition, the Florida Department of Agriculture has reported that horses in three Florida counties bordering Alabama have been diagnosed with EEE. The Alabama Department of Public Health urges residents to take the following precautions:

Avoid outdoor activities between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are likely to be looking for blood meals. If you must go outdoors when mosquitoes are active, cover up by wearing shoes, socks, long pants, and long-sleeved shirts. Tight colored clothing is better.

Use mosquito repellent. Eliminate stagnant water in birdbaths and any other receptacles in which mosquitoes might breed. Repellents containing the compound DEET are most effective; however, repellents with high concentrations of DEET (over 10 percent) should not be used on children. Follow instructions on the label. Mosquitoes breed in standing water. To prevent the spread of mosquitoes: Empty all water from cans, jars, buckets, drums, plastic wading pools and other unused containers or turn them over when not in use. Drain and clean saucers under outdoor plant containers, pet watering dishes and bird baths at least twice a week. Clean clogged roof gutters and repair leaky pipes and outside faucets so that water does not collect. Maintain screens on doors and windows so that mosquitoes cannot enter the home. Dispose of old automobile tires.

EEE is a viral disease spread by mosquitoes. EEE infection can cause a range of illnesses in humans. Most people have no symptoms; others get only a mild flu-like illness with fever, headache and sore throat. Only rarely do people get encephalitis.

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WELCOME TO NEW BROCKTON... The Town of New Brockton shared the outcome of about three months of work with the community Friday morning, July 13, with the unveiling of the new welcome signs along U.S. Highway 84. The development of the welcome signs was overseen by the New Brockton Beautification Committee, and this project is just one of the many ways the committee continues to show its commitment to improving the Town of New Brockton. Whatley Brick Company of Dothan donated the bricks for the project. The gamecocks on each side of the sign were painted by Edwin Fox, a 15-year-old student at New Brockton High School, and the sign was painted by Charles Dowling. Present for the Friday morning sign unveiling were (from left): New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole, Edwin Fox, Virginia Dowling - New Brockton Beautification Committee, Barbara Cole and New Brockton Police Chief Jerry Gilbert. The signs can be seen at the town limit on Hwy. 84 as travelers come from Elba or Enterprise.

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

It happened again in North Carolina. A man sued under the state's law that punishes the person who steals another's spouse. This time an offended husband won \$1.4 million from the man he accused of stealing his wife. The testimony was that the wife of 15 years (the other man's wife) got into an e-mail exchange of chatter with a high school sweetheart, now living in Florida, and one thing led to another with both divorcing their first spouse and marrying each other. Of course this high school friend went on to become a successful doctor and thus probably will have to pay the \$1.4 million. You never hear of any of us working poor getting hit with such a judgement... but then maybe the money was... no, we aren't going there with this.

One day last week we got confirmation on our new post office box number. As many of you have heard, there will be quite a few box number changes with the move into the new post office. We needed ours ASAP because of being out of business cards and not wanting to buy a thousand with the old box number and have to buy new ones after using a dozen or so of the out-of-date cards. Anyway, some folks will get to keep their old numbers; others, like The Elba Clipper, are having to change everything and the sooner we start the easier it will be. It is suggested that anyone with an Elba post office box go ahead and get the verdict - be it change or not.

Early Monday morning was almost like a fall morning. When we first walked outside, we automatically opened our arms with palms turned upward as if to drink in as much of the pleasant atmosphere as possible. Maybe we wanted to save it for later in the day after the sun had heated things up a bit. Whatever the reason, Tuesday morning was anxiously awaited in hopes of another such beginning.

We chatted with Robert and Jo Ann Cannon and their Belgium friends one day when the visiting couple was in Elba. Their home is right outside Brussels and we recounted being in Brussels for the World's Fair in the summer of 1958. Mrs. Sarlett is a brunette and we had to ask if she was that cute young brunette with the long platted hair and beaming smile, dressed in the colorful European peasant's girl dress, selling that delicious Belgium chocolate candy to World's Fair visitors on that day off so long ago. She was positive it wasn't her, but all we still not sure. One day when wife Hedy is not looking, we plan to sneak up into the attic, open that old Army footlocker, dig down under a stack of official looking papers and check out some fading pictures from that era... just to be sure! Oh, and chocolate wasn't the only thing on our mind that week. Benny Goodman's band was "in the swing" at the Fair that week also.

Tomatoes are reportedly the most popular crop grown by home gardeners. However, at our house this is one crop that is consistently a total flop. If the bugs and worms don't get them, the blight (or something) does. That is where it pays to be good friends with a couple of folks who grow delicious tomatoes and will on occasion share with those of us who are less fortunate.

Then there is the other friend who picks her lips and brings them (yes, all ready for applying the sugar and cooking them down into the preserves). You can't get any better than that. It reminds me of the family to whom I was trying to give some fresh fish years ago. Their question was if they dressed? When the answer was "no," these folks suddenly didn't want the fish!

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of July 9, 2001, through July 15, 2001. They were: Daniel Cooper, Trudie Jackson, Margaret Bimbo, Carmen Hussey, Robert Cassell, Willie McClain, Annice Emory, Scottie Hatfield, Brian Register, Randy Bradshaw, Daniel Deboer, Ronnie Parker, Betty Sams, Lenard McBride, Jeff Hobbs.

Michael Brown, LaToria Thomas and Elba Mae Bernier were discharged during the same time period, were Gertrude Ennis, Daniel Houston Cooper, Jimmy Morris Jr., Mildred Armstrong, James Morris, Robert Morris, Trudie Jackson, Carmen Hussey, Randy Bradshaw, Daniel Deboer, Scottie Hatfield, Annice Emory, Ronnie Parker, Jeff Hobbs and Betty Sams.

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EDITORIAL

Standing up for the Boy Scouts

FROM THE HOUSE

Representative Terry Everett, 2312 Rayburn House Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20515, (202) 225-2901.

In their real to lead down the moral framework of our nation, radical liberals, marching under the banner of political correctness, continue to wage war on one of America's most respected character building institutions - The Boy Scouts. Many in Congress, including myself, are alarmed at this relentless attack on what is perhaps our country's most respected and successful youth organization, accordingly, we have introduced legislation favoring the Boy Scouts of America.

For many years, scouting has been fundamental to the development of our young people through positive role models and a strong moral code. Founded in 1910, the Boy Scouts of America

was recognized by Federal charter in 1916 to provide an educational program for boys and young men to build character, from them in the responsibilities of participatory citizenship, and develop personal fitness.

The Boy Scouts of America teaches the core values of duty to society, personal honor, volunteerism, and interdependence within the environment, principles which are conducive to good character, citizenship, and health. The Boy Scout oath clearly states these principles: "On my honor I will do my best to do my duty to God and Country and to obey the Scout Law. To help other people at all times. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake and morally straight."

The Boy Scouts is a model for inclusiveness, with six million boys and young men from every ethnic, religious and economic background, including those with disabilities and special needs, participating in scouting programs across our land. With

so few positive examples for our youth to look to these days, liberals simply cannot leave alone the last refuges of morality in our culture.

The Boy Scouts of America does have some noteworthy allies in its fight to retain independence and uphold its core beliefs. The U.S. Supreme Court ruled last year that the Boy Scouts has the right to set its own standards for membership and leadership. Following that ruling, the U.S. House also voted down a liberal effort to strip the Boy Scouts of its federal charter because it refuses to accept homosexuals in membership and leadership positions.

After the recent airing on PBS of the film "Scouts

Honor," documenting the efforts of liberals to force the Scouts to give in or go out of existence, the American Legion has also joined the fight to preserve scouting. Here in Congress, already 50 members of the House, including myself, have placed their names on legislation (H.CON.RES. 333) honoring the Boy Scouts of America for the public service it performs through its contributions to the lives of the nation's boys and young men.

I'm proud to support the Boy Scouts of America and to stand with them as they offer the best examples of character and leadership for our youth.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, July 9, 2001, investigated the following incidents: four harassments, one interference with custody, two harassing communications, three criminal mischief, four thefts of property, one criminal trespassing and one domestic violence.

The following arrests were made: one for contributing to the unlawful of a minor and two for failure to appear.

Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: one for driver's license not in possession, one for no tag displayed, six for speeding, one for expired driver's license, one for violation of the state belt law and two for driving with a suspended driver's license.

Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows:

MONDAY, JULY 9: River stage - 5.85 feet (6:00 a.m.). Week reported at the intersection of Taylor Mill Road and the 203 Bypass (8:42 p.m.). Civil disturbance reported at 866 Cedarlane Drive (10:23 p.m.).

TUESDAY, JULY 10: River stage - 5.64 feet (6:27 a.m.). Disturbance reported at a residence on Smith Ave. (1:29 p.m.). Routine activity.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11: Alarm activated at Fred's Dollar Store (12:38 a.m.). Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2205 County Rd. 249 (2:31 a.m.). River stage - 5.35 feet (6:17 a.m.). Routine activity.

THURSDAY, JULY 12: River stage - 5.32 feet (6:24 a.m.). Minor wreck reported at Dr. Jackson's parking lot (9:54 a.m.). Routine activity.



Elba youth escapes serious injury in fireworks accident

Fireworks can be very dangerous. A ten year old Solomon Harris can testify to that fact. Last Thursday, he was enjoying fire popping some fireworks with his friends when something went wrong and he went to the hospital with burns on his hand, hip and upper thigh.

Young Solomon describes the events like this: He had a firecracker in his hand and about fifteen more in his pocket. When he lit the one in his hand, apparently some sparks got onto the fuse of one in his pocket and several of them also exploded. He received two degree burns to his left hand and his upper leg. The shorts he was wearing were destroyed, due to the explosion which tore the pocket off and left a gaping hole in the pants.

He and his mother both said that he was real luck that he didn't lose part of his hand or leg in the accident.

Solomon said he will always look at fireworks in a different light from now on.

Pictured above are Dessaphine Harris and her son Solomon, age 10. The mother is holding the torn shorts her son was wearing the day of the accident.

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- ELBA CITY COUNCIL - 2nd & 4th Monday 5:30 p.m. City Hall
- WATER & ELECTRIC - 2nd Monday following city council meeting City Hall
- GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP - every Monday 6:30 p.m. Elba United Methodist Church enter on side of Mt. Davis St. Maggie Garrett Classroom
- COFFEE COUNTY COMMISSIONS - 2nd & 4th Monday Community Room in Farm Center Complex @ New Brockton
- ELBA CLUB - 2nd & 4th Tues. 6:30 p.m. Senior Citizen Center
- ELBA CITY SCHOOL BOARD - 1st Thurs. 5:30 p.m. - Sept. Office
- AMERICAN LEGION - 1st Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Legion Hall, Troy Hwy.
- MASONIC LODGE 179 - 1st & 3rd Monday of each month 7 p.m.
- BAND BOOSTERS - 1st Mon. 7 p.m. Band Room @ Elba High School
- VETERANS SERVICE OFFICER - Mon-Fri. 8:12 noon & 12:30 - 4:30 New Brockton @ Farm Center Complex 894-5858
- COFFEE COUNTY COON HUNTERS ASSN. - 3rd Sat. 3 p.m. Club House
- COFFEE COUNTY REPUBLICAN WOMEN - 3rd Wed. Noon, Colony Inn, Enterprise
- AIRPORT AUTHORITY - 1st Tuesday at noon, City Hall Conference Room
- AARP meets every 3rd Tuesday night of the month
- CIVIL AIR PATROL - Every Monday 7 p.m. - Elba Airport - Dinner & hangar
- ELBA ATHLETIC CLUB - Mondays - 6:30 p.m. - EHS Cafeteria

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EHS students to pick up class schedules

The schedule for Elba High School students to pick up schedules, purchase parking permits and rent lockers for the coming school year is as follows:

Monday, July 23, Seniors
Tuesday, July 24, Juniors
Wednesday, July 25, Sophomores and Freshman
Thursday, July 26, Eighth Grade

The grade orientation will be Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will

pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. They will also have an opportunity to visit their classrooms.

Lockers will be \$5 and parking permits will be a mesh material that is 1/2 inch open mesh or larger.

Students who drive must register their vehicle in the school office. Students are also reminded of the dress code as outlined in the Student Handbook.

Office hours for the week of July 23-26 will be 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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aware of the difference between the types of paper and that some types would jam and cause trouble.

"I know we will be buying a lot of paper," Walker said. "I don't want to get anything that is going to jam the copy machines."

A phone call was made to Houston Paper Company during the board meeting in which the company verified that the paper is domestic paper. The company also assured the board that they would replace the paper if the school system even has a problem with the product.

The board voted to award the bid for copy paper to Houston Paper Company.

Next, Ingram explained to board members some changes with the SDE flexibility and how the Coffee County School System could benefit from it.

The Alabama Legislature, earlier in the spring, passed a bill that would allow systems to transfer money from one line item to another," she said. "That would help cover the loss of funds from protest."

She said although the early interpretations of the law seemed as if it would not benefit the Coffee County School System, it now seems that the SDE flexibility can benefit the

school system.

Ingram said it seems the majority of the school systems in Alabama have requested the flexibility, and she suggested that the Coffee County School System do the same. The board concurred with Ingram's suggestion.

Ingram updated board members on a road project that is currently underway at the Zion Chapel School.

She said the Alabama Highway Department is making upgrades at the school that should improve traffic flow along Hwy. 87 during the school year.

According to Ingram, the highway department is adding a turning lane at the school, and the school zone traffic signal is being moved further north to allow traffic more time to prepare to slow down before reaching the school zone.

Also, Ingram said the turn lanes onto school property are going to be widened so there is enough room for one vehicle to enter school property while another vehicle is exiting at the same time. She said once complete all these improvements should improve traffic flow at the school.

Regarding personnel matters, the board approved the follow-

ing: Professional Accepted the resignation of Wanda Bucklew, English teacher at Kinston High School.

Accepted the resignation of Joyce Osunde, special education teacher at New Brockton High School.

Employed Linda Lawrence as a sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Employed Regina Kelley as a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Employed Lisa Colvin as a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support Employed Cindy Lowery as Child Nutrition Program manager at Kinston High School to replace personnel who retired at the end of the school year.

Employed Charlotte Windom as secretary at New Brockton Elementary School.

In other business, the board gave permission to sell three stoves, which were replaced, to the highest bidder and discussed a Teacher In-Service that will be held at New Brockton High School on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Ingram said the teachers will undergo training on the Lee vs. Macon court case during the in-service.

SUCCESS Club to sell school planners at ZC

The Zion Chapel High School SUCCESS Club will be selling school planners for the upcoming school year. The price will be \$7. The planners are designed for use by middle school through high school aged students. The planners contain the 2001-2002 school calendar, bell schedule, bursar's office and registration information. The planners have day by day pages for students to write class assignments, project due dates, etc.

At all times parents may look to see what homework or project is due on what date.

CARD OF THANKS

Class of '67, Thank you for remembering, understanding, and bringing comfort during this time.

Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers you sent us in memory of Eddie. We appreciated the phone calls and your presence at the service. We will always cherish our wonderful memories.

Love,
Lorene Roberson, Judy Leigh, Bo & Christi Bryan 7/19/01

Ezell completes basic training

Marine Corps Pfc. William Ezell, son of Janette and James R. Ezell of 2501 County Road 5, Kinston, Ala., recently completed basic training at Marine

Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. Ezell is a 1998 graduate of Kinston High School of Kinston, Ala.

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Obituaries

CATHERINE STOUMIRE
Mrs. Catherine Stoumire, born May 24, 1930 in Elba, Ala., died July 2, 2001 at Mizell Hospital in Opp.

Funeral services were held July 7, 2001 at Bethlehem Baptist Church with Rev. Darryl Caldwell officiating. Burial followed in the Bethlehem Church Cemetery with Coleman Funeral Home of Elba directing.

Survivors include eight children: John Jr. (Cherie) Brundidge, Bobby (Lee) New Brockton, Johnny Mack (Willie Mae) Shelton Mount (Sam) Opp, Tina Hayes (Lester) Enterprise, Nathan, Elba, Paul (Tracey) and Sharon Edwards, Opp. 41 grandchildren, 43 great grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Accepted the resignation of Wanda Bucklew, English teacher at Kinston High School. Accepted the resignation of Joyce Osunde, special education teacher at New Brockton High School.

Employed Linda Lawrence as a sixth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Employed Regina Kelley as a fourth grade teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

Support Employed Cindy Lowery as Child Nutrition Program manager at Kinston High School to replace personnel who retired at the end of the school year.

Employed Charlotte Windom as secretary at New Brockton Elementary School. In other business, the board gave permission to sell three stoves, which were replaced, to the highest bidder and discussed a Teacher In-Service that will be held at New Brockton High School on Wednesday, Aug. 1.

Ingram said the teachers will undergo training on the Lee vs. Macon court case during the in-service.

The Zion Chapel High School SUCCESS Club will be selling school planners for the upcoming school year. The price will be \$7. The planners are designed for use by middle school through high school aged students.

The planners contain the 2001-2002 school calendar, bell schedule, bursar's office and registration information. The planners have day by day pages for students to write class assignments, project due dates, etc.

At all times parents may look to see what homework or project is due on what date.

CARD OF THANKS

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Thanks so much for the beautiful flowers you sent us in memory of Eddie. We appreciated the phone calls and your presence at the service. We will always cherish our wonderful memories.

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Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing. Mrs. McCollough was preceded in death by her husband, Samuel S. McCollough, and two sons, Donald and Ted McCollough.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Lynda and John Lawless, Elba; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert P. McCollough, Atlanta, Ga.; three granddaughters, Donna Davis, Atlanta, Ga., Allison Middlebrooks, Dothan, Indya Lawless, Elba; three grandsons, William Todd McCollough, Atlanta, Ga., Robert Paul McCollough, Jr., Memphis, Tenn., Trey Lawless, Elba; and five great-grandchildren.

SAMSON JOFFERY SMITH
Mr. Samson Joffery Smith, age 83, of 463 County Road 213, Jack, Ala., died July 16, 2001 at Edge Regional Medical Center in Troy.

Funeral services were held July 17, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Rick Hayes officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include two daughters, Betty Morris, Bonifay, Fla., Carolyn Lantry, Troy, two sons, Charles Smith and Ronnie Smith, both of Jack, two brothers, Feazell Smith, Troy, Young Smith, Jack, 10 grandchildren, 25 great-grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

IDA "PIGGY" BANE
Mrs. Ida "Piggy" Bane, age 93, of 2433 Elba Highway, Brantley, Ala., died July 15, 2001 at Mizell Memorial Hospital in Opp.

Funeral services were held July 17, 2001 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Harry Dugger officiating. Burial followed in the Pine Level Community Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include his wife, Margaret, Major, Murphree, Birmingham; two daughters and sons-in-law, Alicia Murphree and Lewis G. Humphreys, Dothan, Maureen Murphree and Pat Cowart, Birmingham; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Rodger Murphree Jr. and Jill Weeks, Birmingham; Michael Major Murphree, Birmingham; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Boyd and Kate Murphree, Elba; Joel and Elnor Murphree, Tallahassee, Fla.; two sisters, Dorothy Murphree, Palms, Statesville, N.C., Marjorie Murphree, Hunter, Montgomery; and his grandchildren, Ryan Miklyn and Colleen Humphreys, Dothan, Jay Christopher, and Jonathan Cowart and Dakotah Weeks Hudson, all of Birmingham.

Palbearers were Larry Junior Sasser, Wayne Sasser, Billy Hendrick, Donald Bane, Robert Taylor and Mickey Hudson. Honorary pallbearers were H.C. Sasser, Oscar Sasser, Charles Beasley and James Hall.

Survivors include three daughters, Sylvia Bane, Louise Kilcrease and Margie Carney, all of Brantley; one son-in-law, Robert Kilcrease, Brantley; one brother, George Hendrick, Montgomery; one brother-in-law, Effie Bane, Plant City, Fla.; two sisters-in-law, Rosetta Bane, Plant City, Fla., Lottie Senn, Brantley; one granddaughter, Abbie Hudson, Brantley; two grandsons, Andy Carney and Richard Kilcrease, both of Brantley; three great-granddaughters, Kortney Kilcrease, Kristen Kilcrease and Brandy Hudson, all of Brantley; four

great-grandsons, Kaleb Kilcrease, Casey Hudson, Corey Lathan and Kyle Carney, all of Brantley.

BENNY C. HUTCHINSON
Mr. Benny C. Hutchinson, born September 6, 1923 in Valdosta, Ga., died July 10, 2001 at Edge Memorial Hospital in Troy.

Funeral services were held July 14, 2001 at Church of Jesus Christ in Enterprise. Bishop James Wilson officiated, and Coleman Funeral Home directed. The burial followed at Elam Baptist Church Cemetery in Coffee Springs, Ala.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Willie Bell Hutchinson.

Survivors include four sons, Benny C. Hutchinson Jr. (Theresa), Enterprise; Joseph Hutchinson (Linda), Ozark; Glennie Hutchinson (Joanne), Elba; Jerome Hutchinson (Angie), Athens; two daughters, Rosa L. Toar, Woodbridge, Va., Denise Stuckney (Charles), Daleville; one brother, Glennie C. Hutchinson; two sisters, Annie Cill, Valdosta, Ga., Bonnie Cill, Valdosta, Ga.; one sister-in-law, Willie Ruth Grise, Enterprise; 15 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

GEORGE MILES MCCORD
Mr. George Miles McCord, born Feb. 21, 1913 to the late John Farley and Mary Etta McCord, died July 10, 2001 at the Montclair Baptist Hospital in Birmingham.

Funeral services were held July 14, 2001 at St. Stephen A.M.E. Church in Opp. Rev. J.F. McCord officiated and Coleman Funeral Home directed. The burial followed at Harden St. Cemetery in Opp.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Nell McCord, Opp; two daughters, Lucille Tarter, Birmingham; Mary Dudley, Montgomery; four sons, George Miles McCord Jr., New York; Henry James McCord (Judy), Opp; Ernest Lee and McArthur McCord, both of Birmingham; four brothers, Grant McCord, Birmingham; Renee McCord, Cleveland, Ohio; Charlie McCord (Lucy), Birmingham; William McCord (Johnnie Mae), Birmingham; two sisters, Bertha Stokes, Aniston; Emma Reddy (Rocky), Cleveland, Ohio; 17 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

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**Area students named
to President's List at
Troy State University**

Dr. Barbara Alford, Executive Vice President, recently named students to the President's List for the 2001 Spring Semester at Troy State University. Dolhan, Undergraduate students receiving this honor must earn a perfect grade point average (GPA) on the university's 4.0 scale for 12 or more credit hours. Local students named to the President's List are as follows: Leigh Ann Jones, Samuel Heath Wyrosdick, and Carla Annette Wambles.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Prizes awarded to New Brockton Elementary School students

Prizes were awarded to students at New Brockton Elementary School for improvement in school and academic excellence. The Alabama Cooperative Extension System and the Coffee County Board of Education are partners in a grant designed to provide enrichment programs in three county schools. Sandra Coffey and Angela Hughes of the Cooperative Extension System and Dr. Linda Ingram of the Coffee County Board of Education submitted the grant proposal in the Fall of 2000 and implementation began January 2001. Christina Kirkland, Community Coordinator, presented prizes to the following students:

A and B Honor Students:
Claire Bailey, Amber Barnett,

Chad Beavers, Robert Bell, Rebel Boswell, Lindsey Foster, Bethnie Walden, Ebony West, Karizmah Yelverton, Monica Ancisco, Ryan Boop, Mary-Michael Dunn, Jena Freese, Sann Herbert, Darnley Mock, Tyler Whitley, Rebecca Adams, Linda DeLaRosa, Caleb Lindsey, Whitney Mills, Keanthony Stoutamire, Shelby Adkins, Candice Barbaccia, Heaven Caldwell, Brandon Carpenter, Sloan Cotter, Savannah Ellis, Allie Forehand, James Haynes, Laken Hornsby, Laken Hornsby, Sierra Lee, Cassie Pawlik, Keith Stephens, Kimberly Stephenson, K.C. Neathers, Nicholas Andrews, Alyssa Brown, Brittany Colburn, Brandi Hendrix, Brian Hollon, Lynn Keriannam Dustin Cole, Keltzie Myers, Kyle Peacock, Amber Senn, D.J. Spivey,

Brannan Thews, Andy Thompson, Courtney Williams, Amanda Allums, Brandon Fannon, Belinda Jones-Pitt, Stephen Marler, Bethany McWaters, Brittany Clark, Ja'Migah, Dunn, Ke'undra Edwards, Aubrey Hawkins, Brittany Hay, Meagan Jones, Kayla Purvis, Shelby Strickland, Dawn Doak, Rob Driggers, Michael Haynes, Heath Hendrix, Chesley Holloway, Audrey Johnson, Jeremy Johnson, Kim Perdue, Steven Smith, Karlin Turner, Bon Deaderick, Janice Motley, Megan Grosland, Christian Hollis, Nick O'Neal, Andrea Proffitt, Chastity Wood, Ashlee Beasock, Amber Carmichael, Emilee Dunn, Nathan Foster, Callie Hollis, Angel Miller, Bethany Milligan, Josh Roberts, LeHill Shirley, Derrick Stokes, Mia Taylor, Lydia Townsend, Kristine Fitzgerald, Daniel Kelley, D.J. Blevins, Taylor Moore, Andrea Proffitt, Bethany Milligan, Daniel Kelley, Kyle Osburn, Adam Pope, Cassidy Moore, Kelley Wood, Chelsea Dempsey, Ginny Smith and Adam Crosby.

Wallace, Brittany Whitehead, Sawyer Whitaker, Elizabeth Brewer, Jessie Hilyer, Paul Nollon, Joey Kuriger, Letel Magwood, Matt Thomas, Dixi Boswell, Molly Brown, Abby Danaway, Justin Edmond, Justin Griswold, Skyler Lee, Cassidy Moore, Nickalus Stephenson, Jesse Wilson, Drissin Wood, Austin Bryant, Nathalia Castellanos, Chase Hendrix, Chelsea Dompsey, Daniel Pair, Jessica Parrish, Corey Adams, Jeremiah Barefoot, Anna Sawyer, Chelsea Smith, Shane Adkinson, Courtney Foster, Andrew Fuller, Brenna Creel, Adam Crosby, Felicia Grimes, Brandon Griswold, Gregory Patterson, Luke Simmons, Brittany Thomaston, Nicole Tidwell and Dusty York.



Winners in the Junior Division Electric Demonstration at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup were: 1st place Rebecca Thompson, Coffee County and 2nd place Candice Harvey. Pictured with the winners is Willie Dunn, event facilitator. The Roundup was held June 14-15 at Troy State University in Troy.

McCormick-Morris elected president of Alabama

Donna McCormick-Morris, Propane Gas & Appliance Co., Inc., New Brockton, AL, was elected President of the Alabama Propane Gas Association (APGA) during the Association's Annual Board meeting, July 6 in Destin, Fla. McCormick-Morris is Vice President/Secretary, Treasurer of Propane Gas & Appliance Co., Inc., New Brockton. Propane Gas & Appliance was founded by Gibbs R. McCormick, Sr. in 1948. McCormick-Morris has served as Secretary, Treasurer and Vice President of the Board, chairman of the Governmental Affairs Committee, RMP Task Force, Convention, Finance and Market Development committees and has been elected by her peers in the past to serve as District Director for the Southeast. She is also an active member of the National Propane Gas Association's Governmental Affairs Committee.

McCormick-Morris, a graduate of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, AL, received her B.S. in Retailing in 1975. Since that time, she has been employed in the family business. McCormick-Morris is active in various civic and business activities, including chairperson of the Coffee County United Way Board of Directors and the Wiregrass United Way Board of Trustees. She is a member of St. Luke United Methodist Church. McCormick-Morris is the recipient of the 1999 APGA President's Award for her outstanding service to the propane industry. She resides in Enterprise with her husband, Bill and daughter, Kiti.

Alabama-PSC rescinds overlay for 205 area code region during July meeting

In the light of factors that could significantly delay the exhaust for the 205 area code, the Alabama Public Service Commission has rescinded the overlay for that region. The action was taken at the Commission's July meeting as a result of several developments since the overlay for the 205 area code and its implementation were approved. According to the latest report from Nester, Inc., the North American Numbering Plan Administrator (NANPA), the projected exhaust date for telephone prefixes in the 205 area code is now the third quarter of 2004, almost two years later than the original projected exhaust date when NANPA first petitioned the APSC. At that time the projections indicated 205 would exhaust in the fourth quarter of 2002.

According to NANPA, this revised date for exhaust reflects a decrease in demand for telephone prefixes in the 205 area code as well as some that were turned in, making them available for assignment.

Furthermore on June 18, 2001, the Federal Communications Commission appointed Nester as the National Thousands-Block Number Pooling Administrator. This means that service providers in areas designated for thousands-block number pooling can receive telephone numbers in blocks of 1,000 instead of blocks of 10,000 number blocks, demand for code assignments should drop even more. The FCC has scheduled its first round of implementation for thousands-block number pooling for March 2002, but the APSC is moving forward with a petition to start a thousands-block number pooling trial in Alabama even earlier.

With the later projections and the increased potential for extending the exhaust date for 205 even more, the Commission will continue to monitor the situation and is prepared to move forward to address any further developments that are necessary regarding 205 area code relief.

Softball tourney set for July 28 in Clayhatchee

There will be a men's class C and below softball tournament Saturday, July 28, 2001 at the Clayhatchee Community Park. Cost to enter is \$115.00 per team. Each team must provide their own regulation softballs. 5 home run rule applies. Deadline to enter is July 26, 2001 at 6:00 p.m. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place trophies. To enter or for more information call Nancy at (334) 598-1322 or Lynn at (334) 598-2138.

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Plastic supply box (8" X 5" X 1")
2 pocket folders
Boys-gallon ziploc bags
Girls-quart ziploc bags

Second Grade Supply List

Crayola crayons (24 count)
Fiskar scissors
Pencils (10 pack)
4 Large glue sticks
3 Packs wide ruled notebook paper
2 3 subject composition books (wire bound)
4 3 prong folders
1 Large pack construction paper (No tear out)
1 Zippered pencil pouch
1 Pack cap eraser
3 Rolls paper towels
3 Boxes of Kleenex
1 Bottle of hand sanitizer
Boys-Quart size ziploc bags
Girls-Half gallon ziploc bags
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Third Grade Supply List

3 Rolls of paper towels
3 Boxes of Kleenex
2 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer
4 Pocket Folders
1 Three Ring Binder
2 Packages of Notebook Paper (Wide Ruled)
2 Packages #2 pencils
1 Pair of Fiskar scissors
1 Box 24 Count Crayons

Construction paper
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Boys-Gallon Size Ziploc Bags
Girls-Quart Size Ziploc Bags
\$5.00 for accelerated math printer paper

Fourth Grade Supply List

\$5.00 for accelerated Math printer paper
\$5.00 for scholastic news magazine
Loose-leaf notebook paper
Crayons
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Pencils
Paper Towels (2 Rolls)
Kleenex
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Colored pencils
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\$5.00 for accelerated math paper
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Pencils
Pencil Sharpener with lid
Paper towels (3)
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Pencils
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2 liquid soap
2 Boxes Kleenex

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Coffee County School System launches Childfind

The Coffee County School System is in the process of identifying all persons with disabilities, ages 3-21 years, who are not enrolled in an educational setting and all 0-3 year old children with disabilities. The parent or guardian of a child with a disability or anyone knowing someone who is disabled, should contact the principal of the local school or the Special Education Coordinator's office at the Coffee County Board of Education at 897-5016. It is important that all persons with disabilities be identified so appropriate services can be provided.

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Elba Elementary School to hold Jumpstart Kindergarten July 30

Elba Elementary School will be holding Jumpstart Kindergarten on Monday, July 30th and Tuesday, July 31st from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Jumpstart is for kindergartners who will be attending Elba Elementary for the 2001-2002 school year.

Kindergarten Supply List

White Elmer's School Glue (No other brand)
Crayola Crayons 8 count
\$10.00 for a kindergarten T-shirt
3 rolls of paper each nine weeks
100 sheet spiral notebook
Pencils (jumbo or regular)
Kinder mat
Hand sanitizer
2 packs of construction paper-no

Area students on Dean's list at University of Alabama

A total of 2,825 students enrolled during the spring 2001 term at The University of Alabama made the Dean's List with academic records of 3.50 (on a 4.0 scale) or above, or the President's list with academic records of 4.0, announced Dr. Nancy Barrett, UA provost and vice president for academic affairs.

The Dean's and President's lists recognize full-time under-

graduate students. The lists do not apply to graduate students or undergraduate students who take less than a full course load. The following students are on the dean's or president's lists: Christina Lynn Cook, Bonnie Louise Devaughan, Brandee Nicole Farris, Brittany Marie McCall, Daniel Matthew Murdock, Elizabeth Strong and Terra Suzanne Weeks.

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Richard Myers to represent Alabama at conference

Richard Myers has been nominated to be a National Scholar representing the state of Alabama at the National Young Leaders Conference, to be held in Washington, D.C. in the fall. Richard was selected by Mrs. Nancy Clark at Elba High School as an outstanding individual who has achieved academic excellence and possesses strong leadership potential.

Richard is a junior at Elba High School and recently received the honor of being listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. Richard is active in Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Varsity Athletics, and VICA.

Richard is the son of Joe and DaNeen Pound of Elba, AL and Rick Myers of Boise, ID. He is the grandson of Robert and Merlene LaPan of Eastover, SC and Don and Ellie Warneke of White Salmon, WA.

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THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

With the beginning of school just around the corner, we at the Mularz house have been looking over the calendar trying to figure out when, and if, we are going to be able to take a short summer vacation. We have always tried to get away for a few days late in the summer. However, school starts in only two weeks, and this year it looks like we may actually run out of time. Oh well, with the first football weekend still six weeks away, maybe we can at least sneak off for a weekend.

THUMBING THROUGH THE NOTES...

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation made the switch to fast-pitch softball this summer, and while many parents and slow-pitch fans thought it would take years for the girls to learn the new game, the girls never once backed down and proved to everyone at the All-Star tournaments that they too could play the game. The Dixie Angels (ages 9-10) placed third at their sub-district tournament, a few weeks back, while the Dixie Ponytails (ages 11-12) made five trips to Greenville last week and posted three wins to bring home the runner-up trophy. The Ponytails lost their first game in the double-elimination event, but rallied to claim three wins and made huge strides toward becoming a solid fast-pitch program. It will still take a few years and many, many hours of practice before our pitchers are as dominating as some in surrounding areas. However, the girls in Elba have made the switch, and judging from their showings in the tournaments, even better days are ahead for fast-pitch softball here in Elba.

The Elba Dixie Youth All-Stars were the last group to play in this summer's all-star tournaments, with the American League All-Stars placing second in their sub-district event down in Geneva. Elba was the only city in the tournament to field two all-star teams, and while splitting up the talent may have hurt a little as far as depth is concerned, it gave twice as many young baseball players the chance to experience the competition in a tournament. Both Dixie Youth teams worked hard and long in preparation, and both deserve credit for their fine showings.

With the All-Star games finally over, a look at the trophy case at the Rec. Center revealed that four different teams brought home trophies from their various tournaments. The Dixie Youth Americans, Dixie Minor Americans, Dixie Softball Ponytails and Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars teams all brought home runner-up trophies, and helped make this summer one of the best ever for the All-Star teams. When a town the size of Elba sends 11 All-Star teams to tournaments and four of the teams bring home trophies, the coaches and players must be doing something right.

Ronald McKinnon was back in town over the weekend to host his annual youth football camp, and it was all work and no play for everyone involved as McKinnon and his staff spent three hours teaching almost fifty youngsters the finer points of football. McKinnon could be seen carrying cones and blocking dummies around the field as the camp progressed, and he was all business as always as he tried to teach the players the "right" way to do things. Elba is proud to call Ronald McKinnon one of its own, and I am certain that Ronald is just as proud to tell people all across the nation that Elba is his hometown.

While on the subject of football, word out of Elba High is that the Tiger coaches are busy at work trying to line up a preseason jamboree the week before the start of the regular season. Rumors have it that negotiations are underway between Elba and Zion Chapel, while I have also heard Kinston and a couple of other schools are also being mentioned. The Elba officials want to play a regulation game against an opponent not in its regular season schedule, and a game against either Zion Chapel or Kinston would certainly create a lot of interest here in Coffee County. Nothing is definite quite yet, but such a game would be fun to watch.

In closing, I would like to say one final thanks to all the coaches who gave up countless hours of their time to help coach the youth of our community during the regular season and the all-star tournaments. These people open themselves up to countless hours of time they practice and play a game, but never back down from the challenge and do it for one reason - they love the kids and love the game they coach. I have often wondered how many teachers would like to give a test in front of a hundred people and hear the boos when some of the kids don't pass the exam, or how a job foreman or boss would like to be with their crews, with people watching and wait for the reaction when the job is complete, but not to the satisfaction of the public. While everyone might not agree with everything the coaches may do, they should all agree that the coaches are dedicated to the youngsters and is willing to work with everyone on their team. Don't agree? Try coaching just one time for a few months!

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At Sub-District 1 fast-pitch tournament

Elba Ponytails All-Stars place second

The Elba Dixie Softball "Ponytails" All-Stars competed last week in the Dixie Softball Sub-District 1 Fast-Pitch Softball Tournament, in Greenville, and rallied from an opening round loss to win three straight games before falling in the championship game to Andalusia 17-3.

"All the girls showed a lot of heart and determination by refusing to give up after the opening round loss and bouncing back to place second in the tournament," said Coach Ricky Mularz. "Since it was our first year playing fast-pitch softball we really didn't know what to expect in the tournament. The loss to Greenville woke the girls up; however, and they played well both at the plate and on defense to stay alive. Everyone was a little tired in the final after making the long trip to Greenville five nights, but the girls never gave up, and represented our league well. I am proud of every single girl on the team, and they were truly all-stars."

Following are highlights of the tournament action.

GREENVILLE 15 ELBA 12

The Elba All-Stars fell behind 11-0 early and saw a late rally fall short as they fell to Greenville 15-12 in opening round action. The All-Stars struggled both at the plate and in the field early in the game and trailed 11-0 heading into the bottom of the fourth. Elba plated four runs in the half of the fourth to keep its hopes of a rally alive, and then scored eight runs in the sixth, only to fall short and take the loss. Heather Reeves and Melanie Mularz led key hits in the fourth inning, while the sixth inning uprising was sparked by a double by Anita Holloway and a single by Haley Stinson.

Heather Reeves got 2 hits and scored 2 runs to lead Elba at the plate, while Melanie Mularz added 2 triples, 2 singles, scored 3 runs and collected 6 hits. Hannah Manning added 3 hits and scored 2 runs for Elba in the sixth, while the early lead was maintained by Heather Reeves. Adding 1 hit for the All-Stars were Kayla Miller, Valerie Hutcherson and Lindsey Leverett.

ELBA 15 OPP 11

Todd Boswell places second

Elba's Tim Hudson claims checkered flag in Roadrunner Mid-Season Championship race

By Mark Chisum

South Alabama, Speedway, geared up for the Goodyear 100

Super Late Model race with three exciting Midseason Championship races in action on Saturday.

In the IMCA Modified Midseason Championship race, Doug Rogers jumped out to an early lead at the start. Rogers led the first eight laps before Kevin Peel got inside on a restart. The two Chipley, Florida drivers ran side by side over the next five laps before contact between the two sent Rogers into the front stretch wall and both cars to the rear of the field. Tommy Lashley took over the lead and held off Jamie Ater to take his first win at SAS. Rogers came back to retake second place, getting past Ater on the last lap. Tom Galbreath and Peel rounded out the top 5.

In an exciting Street Stock Midseason Championship race, Jamie Bowers took the lead from Blake Streetman on lap 4 and then went head to head with Brian Martin for the win. Martin got by Bowers with two laps to go to take the apparent win. However, Martin was disqualified in post race inspection, giving the win to Bowers. Timbo Kendrick moved up to second after the disqualification. Fourth place finisher Scott Spivey refused inspection, causing disqualification, and fifth place finisher Danny Cooper was disqualified for an illegal cam. Third place was finally awarded to Ken Adkins. Fourth

and fifth went to Mike Grissett and Streetman.

In the Roadrunner Midseason Championship race, a tenth place showed up in victory lane. Tim Hudson took the lead on the sixth lap and cruised to the win, his 12th win of the year. Todd Boswell led early, fell back to third, and then came back to claim second place. Ricky Osborne took the lead from Boswell on lap 3, but slid back to third place at the end. Jason Singletary and J.R. Andrews finished fourth and fifth.

Jody Henderson scored an impressive win in the Super Stock Feature. Henderson came from the 14th starting spot and ran down Davey Kearley to take his third win of the season. Bill Brown led the first two laps and finished third. Charles Davis came from the 13th starting spot to finish fourth. Tommy Adams took home fifth place money.

In the Super Street Feature, Jeff Smith scored his fifth straight win. Edward Berry took the early lead before Derek Deese wrestled the lead away on lap 8. Smith got by Deese on lap 18. Berry regained second when Deese spun on lap 19. Smith then held off Berry and Deese for the win. Patrick Schultz and Harold Hurt finished fourth and fifth.

For more information, contact the speedway at (334) 565-3539 or visit the track's web site at www.southalabamiaspeedway.com/

RESULTS 7/7/01

Super Stock
1. Jody Henderson
2. Davey Kearley
3. Bill Brown
4. Charles Davis
5. Tommy Adams

IMCA Modified (Midseason Championship)
1. Doug Rogers
2. Doug Rogers
3. Jamie Ater
4. Tom Galbreath
5. Kevin Peel

Super Street
1. Jeff Smith
2. Edward Berry
3. Derek Deese
4. Patrick Schultz
5. Harold Hurt

Street Stock (Midseason Championship)
1. Jamie Bowers
2. Timbo Kendrick
3. Kenneth Adkins
4. Mike Grissett
5. Blake Streetman

Roadrunner (Midseason Championship)
1. Tim Hudson
2. Todd Boswell
3. Ricky Osborne
4. Jason Singletary
5. J.R. Andrews

At UCA camp

Zion Chapel JV cheerleaders earn honors

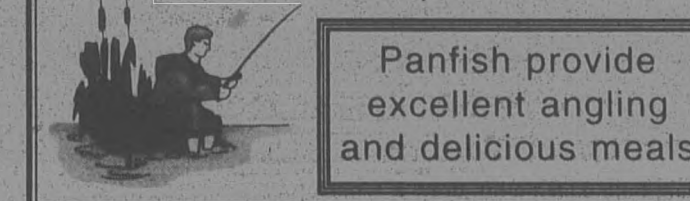
The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity cheerleaders attended a squad members were taught a warm-up exercise, an extreme routine, various cheers and sideline chants. The cheerleaders worked on stunts and



The Zion Chapel Junior Varsity cheerleaders brought home honors from a recent UCA cheerleading camp. Pictured above are (kneeling, l-r) Jacque Cowart - Co Captain; Heather Sanders - Captain; Christina McWaters; (standing, l-r) Corney Dykes, Rosanna Johnson and Shea Manning.

Let's Go... Outdoors with Ben

by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist



Panfish provide excellent angling and delicious meals

They are called many names - bream, brim, panfish, bluegills, stump knockers, red bellies, etc. But no matter what you call them, they are the primary ingredients of many southern fish fries.

Panfish breed or spawn over a much longer period than other species such as large mouth or spotted bass. Before the spawn starts, panfish start to gather in backwaters, sloughs and other areas where the water warms up faster than the main body of water does. They prefer a firm bottom in a weedy or brushy area to help protect their nests.

Water clarity is a factor in where panfish select to make their beds or spawning sites. In real clear water the bed may be 10 to 15 feet deep, in turbid water they may spawn in a foot or less of water. One of the best ways to find bream beds is to slowly prow the shallows and look for the light colored areas that indicated a bed. Watch the water around these areas for swirls, wakes and even dorsal fins in shallow areas. Some people can actually smell the bed, which give off a very fishy odor. I can remember as a boy watching two older fishermen locate beds by this method. One would paddle their Jon boat while the other sniffed from the bow. He reminded me of a bird dog winding quail as he moved his head from left to right and up and down. He would guide his partner by pointing in the direction the scent was strongest. If there were such a thing as a bream bed locator field trial, I would have put my money on that gentleman. He found the beds and caught many limits of nice hand-sized bluegills.

Bait for panfish comes in almost as many varieties as does catfish bait. The two mainstays have always been worms and crickets, but there are other options. One bait that was often used by country boys going to the creek to fish for red bellies was worm or dirt dabbler larva. Open up the individual cells and remove the larvae and bait it on a no. 8 or 6 hook. Another little used but very productive bait, especially on shell cracker, is a small mussel. The shellcracker utilizes these mollusks more than any other panfish. Shellcracker or Redear sunfish are equipped with teeth in their throat that enables them to crush and grind up the small mussels and clams, thus their name. Shellcracker. Crawfish tails, mealworms and small grasshoppers are also excellent panfish bait. Panfish readily bite a variety of artificials, from small spinners to trout flies and popping bugs. One of the most exciting ways I have found to bream fish is to slowly skulk a boat and cast a dry trout fly with a fly rod around aquatic vegetation. Big Bull Bream smashing your limit trout fly or popping bug can really get the adrenaline flowing.

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SPORTS



Former Elba Tiger and present Arizona Cardinals standout Ronald McKinnon leads area youngsters during drills at last weekend's Ronald McKinnon Football Camp, held at Elba High School. The free camp is an annual event sponsored by McKinnon.

Ronald McKinnon returns home for annual youth football camp

Elba High School graduate and Arizona Cardinals linebacker Ronald McKinnon was back in his hometown of Elba last weekend to hold the third annual Ronald McKinnon Football Camp.

The camp was held from 9:00 until 12:00 noon on Saturday, July 14, and was free to all players of all ages. Assisting with the camp was Coach Richard McKinnon, of Huntsville, along with assistant coaches from Elba High School and New Brockton High School.

"I learned a lot about football and learned to love football when I was a youngster playing in the city league here in Elba," said McKinnon, "and will

always find time to come back home and share what I have learned with the youngsters of Elba, and Coffee County. The camp was not about fun and games for the players taking part. They all worked hard at various stations, and were expected to give it everything they had. To give anything less than one's best is a waste of time, and there was no time to waste here Saturday morning."

McKinnon, one of the nation's most honored small college athletes ever while at the University of North Alabama, has led the Arizona Cardinals in tackles in all but one of his four years in the National Football League, and has twice led the

NFL in total tackles from his position of inside linebacker. "We haven't had a lot of success during my career at Arizona," admitted McKinnon. "We did make the playoffs two years ago and had a big win over Dallas, but we want to be a consistent winner and that will take hard work and dedication from everyone associated with the program. This season we will have some new faces to go along with some very hungry veterans, and hopefully we will take that next step and become a solid NFL team."

The annual camp was held at Tiger Stadium on the campus of Elba High School.



Elba Dixie Pre-Majors All-Stars placed second in the recent Dixie Pre-Majors District 6 Baseball Tournament, in Daleville. The All-Stars claimed wins over Abbeville and Luerne to earn runner-up honors behind Opp. Pictured above are (front row, l-r) Derrick Thomas, Blake Lambert, Ralston Moore, Kyle English, Matthew Curran, (back row, l-r) Coach Rob Curran, Coach Gary Lambert, Rick Smith, Jason Curran, Marcus Henderson, Bat Boy Merrill Curran, Brandon Petty, Richard Myers and Coach Marvin Smith.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Zion Chapel Elementary School Supply List

Zion Chapel Elementary School
Kindergarten Supply List
 2 number 2 pencils
 Crayons (8 basic colors)
 Blunt Scissors (ex. Fiskars)
 Elmer's glue (no Paste or gel)
 Supply Box
 Construction Paper (assorted colors)
 Book Bag/ Backpack
 Nap pad
 2 Writing Tablets
 Boys-bring quart size Ziploc bags
 Girls-bring gallon size Ziploc bags
 Please put your child's name on all supplies!

First Grade Supply List
 3 Number 2 pencils and erasers
 Crayons (not over 24 count)
 Blunt Scissors (ex. Fiskars)
 Elmer's glue (no paste or gel)
 Pencil bag with zipper
 Book bag/ Backpack (needed daily)
 1 1-inch 3-ring binder (solid in color)
 3 2-sided pocket folder (solid in color)
 Please put your child's name on all supplies!

Second Grade Supply List
 2 number 2 pencils
 Crayons (8 or 16 colors only)
 Scissors
 Glue (roll on only)
 Notebook paper (regular wide ruled)
 Quart size storage bags
 2 composition books (single

subject perforated)
 Plastic pencil keeper or Ziploc bag
 No Trapper Keepers!
 No Pencil boxes!

Third Grade Supply List
 2 number 2 pencils
 Crayons (16 to 24 colors)
 Scissors
 1 large or 2 small glue sticks
 3 packages of wide ruled notebook paper
 1 package of assorted construction paper
 5 composition books with over 100 sheets
 1 ruler (inches/centimeters)
 3 pocket folders
 Pencil/ Crayon bag
 Book bag
 No Trapper Keepers!
 No pencil boxes!
 No mechanical pencils!

Fourth Grade Supply List
 Number 2 pencils
 Crayons (24 colors only)
 Sharp-pointed school scissors
 School glue
 Wide ruled notebook paper
 1 package of assorted construction paper
 6 three-subject spiral notebooks
 1 ruler (inches/centimeters)
 6 pocket folders
 1 box of colored pencils
 1 compass
 1 protractor
 No Magic Markers!

Fifth Grade Supply List
 Number 2 pencils (no mechanical pencils)
 Crayons
 Colored pencils
 Loose-leaf paper/ 3-ring binder
 Glue Sticks
 Scissors
 Pocket dictionary/ thesaurus
 No ink pens!
 No Magic Markers!

Sixth Grade Supply List
 Wide ruled loose-leaf notebook paper
 1-Red plastic 3-ring binder
 5-Pocket folders, 1-yellow, 1-green, 1-red, and 1-purple
 1-Zip plastic pencil bag
 1 Ruler
 1-Box Kleenex
 Pencils or mechanical pencils
 Colored pencils
 Scissors
 Hand-held pencil sharpener
 Book covers
 No ink pens!
 No Magic Markers!

Seventh Grade Supply List
 Loose-leaf notebook paper (wide-ruled)
 Notebooks, pocket folders, 3-ring binders, or spiral notebooks
 Pencils and pens (black or blue only)
 Colored pencils
 Graph paper
 Ruler
 Scissors
 Protractor
 Hand-held pencil sharpeners
 Book covers
 Highlighters (Mrs. Corley's class only)



Coffee County students receive leadership training at Troy State University... Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., left, Chancellor of the Troy State University System, and State Sen. Wendell Mitchell of Lurvenne pose with high school students from Coffee County who completed the first "Tomorrow's Promise" Leadership Conference for Alabama's Future. Wendell Mitchell Leadership Series. The program identifies high school students with leadership potential and provides specialized training in the fundamentals of leadership. Students attended seminars and participated in team-building activities. Participants from Coffee County completing the training, from left, are Shanta Bullard of Enterprise High School, Kendra Cole of New Brockton High School and Matthew Richards of Zion Chapel High School.

Zion Chapel Middle School Open House

The Zion Chapel Middle School teachers and staff will host an open house on Thursday, August 2, 2001, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. in the middle school. All 6th and 7th grade parents and students are invited to attend. Schedules, textbooks, lockers, and student handbook information will be distributed. The Zion Chapel SUCCESS Club will also be selling student planners for \$7.

Amanda Beerenstrauch receives TSU Chancellor's Award

Dr. Jack Hawkins, Jr., Chancellor of the Troy State University System, recently announced that Amanda Renee Beerenstrauch of Elba is the recipient of a Troy State University Chancellor's Award. The four year renewable scholarship covers full tuition. Amanda, a senior of the Elba High School Class of 2001 graduated with a 99.2 grade point average and a composite score of twenty-eight of the ACT. Amanda has recently received the nomination to be

included in the 35th annual edition of the prestigious "Who's Who Among American High School Students, 2000-2001." This is an honor reserved for only 5% of the nation's high school students each year. She received "the Presidential Award for Educational Achievement" and has been included in the United States National Academy Yearbook as an award winner in Science. While attending Elba High School, Amanda was a member of the Senior Beta Club, Pi Mu Alpha Theta, Spanish Club, Elba High School Band, and

Journalism staff. She served as treasurer of Senior Beta, section leader, and first lieutenant in the Marching Tiger Band, and as a Tiger Rep for EHS. Amanda was a participant in the A-1-a-b-a-n-a Governor's School and a nominee for the National Youth Leadership Forum at Medicine. She has been recognized by the University of Alabama for academic achievement.

Amanda is the daughter of Arnie and Sheila Beerenstrauch of Elba. She is the granddaughter of James and Bea Simmons of Elba and the late Marvin and Alma Achmohr of Dewitt, Nebraska.

Wiregrass Commons Mall to host collectors show July 20-21-22

On July 20-21-22, Quality Collectors Shows, of Memphis, will return to the Wiregrass Commons Mall, in Dothan, to again present their popular collectors show. The mall is located at 3625 Ross Clark Circle, Highway 231, North. Show hours are the same as mall hours, 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Sunday. Admission is free, and ample parking is available. Several dozen dealers, from many of the Southern states, will offer a wide variety of collectibles, including coins, currency, numismatic supplies, beanie babies, stamps, covers, stamp collecting supplies, comics, movie posters, baseball cards, NASCAR collectibles, casino chips and tokens, sports memorabilia, and many other collectibles. Collectors of all levels of experience as well as interested non-collectors, are invited to come, buy, sell, trade, or just browse among the thousands of items on display.

Community Wish List posted on web site

The Community Wish List, a wish list of needed items. Other charitable organizations in the region are encouraged to post their wish list on the site. Interested organizations may do so by mailing their list to the Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1422, Dothan, AL 36302 or by faxing it to (334)793-0627.

To search the Community Wish List visit www.cfsc.org. Currently over 20 nonprofit organizations have posted a

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4-H & FARM NEWS



4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING DISTRICT Champions! Coffee County 4-H Livestock Judging team members placed first and second in District competition held in Autaugaville June 28th. Team members are front row from left Daniel Kelley, Adam Crosby, Bradley Hataway, Heath Hollis, Jamison Baker, Aaron Pope, Back row: Stan Windham, Drey Donaldson, Gary Henderson, Layton Griffin, Elizabeth Farris, Jeremy Dwyer, Brandon Griswald, Chelsey Hollis, Christine Whitaker, Josh Driver, and Mark Windham. The Senior Team will compete at the state competition in mid-July.



COFFEE COUNTY 4-H MEATS JUDGING TEAM members were the runner up champions at the district competition held in Auburn on June 26th. Team members are front row from left Brianna Bailey, Tori Stone, Anna Beth Sawyer, John Paul Maddox, Michelle Jones, Rebecca Thompson, Middle Row: Tiarney Starks, Carrie Edwards, Deri Flowers, Donna Flowers, Julie Boyd, Lara Lea Beasley, Back row: Stan Windham, Ann Schieffer, Heather Carroll, John Sawyer, Andy Waddall, Matt Windham, and Stephen Hines.



SENIOR PUBLIC SPEAKING-PERSUASIVE WINNERS announced at Dothan District 4-H Roundup. Winners in the Senior Division Public Speaking-Persuasive at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are: (left to right) 1st place, Brittny Thompson, Coffee County; 2nd place, Whitney Ball, Crenshaw County; 3rd place, Sherika Johnson, Pike County. Pictured with the winners is Jimmy Jones, event facilitator (back right). The Roundup was held June 14-15 at Troy State University in Troy.



WINNERS IN THE JUNIOR DIVISION PUBLIC SPEAKING-Persuasive at the Dothan District 4-H Roundup are: (left to right) 1st place, Marco Jones, Crenshaw County; 2nd place, Lecanna Bonner, Montgomery; 3rd place, Matthew Williams, Coffee County. Pictured with the winners is Jimmy Jones, event facilitator (back to right). The Roundup was held June 14-15 at Troy State University in Troy.

Southeast Regional Forestry Economic Summit to be held August 2

Stan Windham
 County Extension Agent

Here in Coffee County there has been an increased interest in the last couple of years as it relates to forestry management. We now have a TREASURE Forestry committee here in the county chaired by Neal Adkison. Hopefully the meetings and field days we have had will help to answer many of your questions.

Some of the questions we are being asked are: Why are pulp wood prices so low? Can we expect the same dramatic drop in prices for other timber products? What does the price of pulp in Asia have to do with the price of timber in Alabama? Will current markets be able to handle all of the CRP thinning, beetle damage timber, and normal stand management thinning? Will we be able to sell our timber in the future? Is anyone protecting the interest of private forest land owners by seeking out and developing future markets for our forest products?

For answers to these questions you are invited to attend a special Southeast Regional Forestry Economic Summit. This meeting will attempt to answer the above questions and any others you may have concerning current and future ability to market your timber. It will also give you a chance to make suggestions that may enhance our future as forest commodity producers.

The Summit will be held on August 2, 2001, in Troy, Alabama, at the new Gentlemen's Expo Center located on Hwy 231, south of Troy. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the meeting will start at 9:00 a.m. and should be over

around 2:00 p.m. This Summit is organized and sponsored by the Alabama TREASURE Forestry Association and the Southeast Region ATFA County Chapters, which as I have said before we have one in Coffee County chaired by Mr. Adkison. If you would like to go, please RSVP by July 27, 2001 in order for us to make seating and food arrangements. There will be a \$5.00 charge per person to cover the expense of lunch. You can contact us here at the Coffee County Extension Office at 894-5596 or 894-6138 to register. If you cannot attend please feel free to ask someone else from our county to represent you and the forest land owners in your area. If you have any further questions you can contact the Alabama TREASURE Forestry Association State Office at 251-442-2424.

Pressure canning is good procedure to use for processing vegetables

Sandra T. Coffey
 County Extension Coordinator
 The rains came! Now locally grown corn, beans, peas, squash and other vegetables are readily available in our area. If you're looking for a method to preserve these vegetables try pressure canning. Pressure canning is a processing method for low-acid foods and can be used for most vegetables.

Pressure canners have been extensively redesigned since the 70s. Older models have heavy-walled pots with clamp-on or turn-on lids. They are fitted with a dial gauge, a vent port in the form of a petcock or counterweight and a safety fuse. These older models can still perform well if they have been properly cared for and checked annually.

Today's pressure canners are lighter weight pots with thinner walls and most have turn-on lids. They have a jar rack, gasket, dial or weighted gauge, an automatic vent/cover lock, a vent or steam port to be closed with a counterweight or weighted gauge and a safety fuse. Most pressure canners hold seven quarts or eight to nine pint jars.

All vegetables except tomatoes should be processed at 10 pounds pressure or 240 degrees Fahrenheit. Tomatoes may be canned in a water-bath or a pressure canner.

The two procedures used in

pressure canning of vegetables are called raw-pack and hot-pack. To raw pack, densely pack cold, raw vegetables into a container and cover them with boiling water.

To hot-pack, preheat vegetables in water or steam them. Cover them with cooking liquid or boiling water.

Always follow the manufacturer's directions for the canner you are using. Test your pressure canner dial gauge for accuracy at the beginning of each canning season. We can check some types of gauges for you at the Extension office.

The following pointers on using pressure canners are offered by Extension Foods and Nutrition Specialist, Dr. Evelyn Crayton of Auburn.

1. Pour two or three inches of boiling water into pressure canner. 2. Set filled jars on a rack in the canner so steam can flow around each jar. 3. Securely fasten the canner cover so steam can escape only through the vent or petcock. 4. Watch until steam pours steadily from the vent. Let steam escape for at least 10 minutes to force all air out of the canner. Close vent. 5. Let pressure rise to 10 pounds. When this pressure is reached, start counting processing time. Keep pressure constant by regulating heat under the canner. Don't lower pressure by open-

ing the vent. Keep the canner out of drafts.

6. When processing time is complete, remove canner from heat immediately. Then, let the canner stand at room temperature until pressure returns to zero. Never rush the cooling.

When pressure registers zero, wait two minutes and then slowly open the vent. Unfasten the cover and tilt the far side up so steam escapes away from you.

Remove jars from canner. Don't let canner stand too long after the pressure reaches 0 degrees Fahrenheit. The canner lid will stick. 7. After use, wash the canner with hot, soapy water, being careful not to immerse the dial gauge if your canner has one. Rinse and dry well. To remove the dark water stain that may develop inside an aluminum canner, fill it above the stained area with a mixture of 1 table-spoon cream of tartar for each quart of water. Heat to boiling and boil until stain disappears. If the stain is stubborn, use more cream of tartar. Then wash again with hot soapy water, rinse and dry well.

If you would like additional information on food preservation please call me at 894-5596 or stop by the office and pick up one of our Food Preservation Books (\$7.00).



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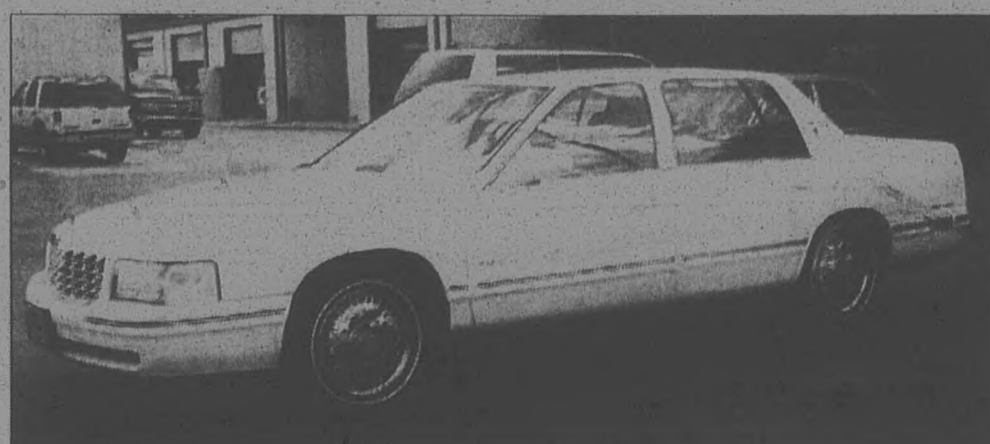
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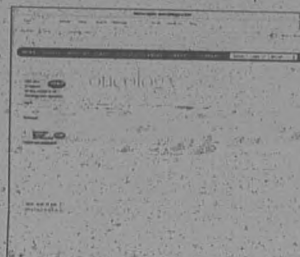
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Beta-carotene may lower prostate cancer risk.

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The benefits of folic acid keep growing.

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TRY THIS

Safety Tips to Maintain Your Smoke Detector

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) reports smoke detectors in 20 percent of households—about 16 million—are not working, usually because the battery is dead or missing.

The greatest risk of death in a fire occurs when the occupants are asleep. Properly installed and maintained, the home smoke detector is considered one of the best and least expensive means of providing an early warning when a fire reaches a dangerous level, or before the fire becomes too intense.

"Smoke detectors should be tested monthly, and the batteries should be replaced at least once a year or when they make a 'chirping' sound," says CPSC Chairman Ann Brown. The CPSC recommends consumers place a smoke detector outside their bedrooms and on each level of multi-story homes.

- **Install smoke detectors** on every floor of your home, including the basement and especially in those areas where your family sleeps.
- **Test your smoke detectors** as frequently as the manufacturer recommends and use the test method the manufacturer recommends.
- **Do not "borrow" smoke detector batteries** to put elsewhere; do not remove batteries if "nuisance" alarms occur—relocate the smoke detector.
- **The smoke detector is not a toy.** Remind everyone in your family that it should not be operated or even touched except for testing, maintenance and cleaning.
- **Develop and rehearse an escape plan** so if your smoke detector sounds, family members react appropriately.

LEARN MORE

How the Consumer Product Safety Commission Can Help



The CPSC has jurisdiction over approximately 15,000 types of consumer products established to protect the public against unreasonable risk of injuries and deaths associated with consumer products. Information can be obtained

in a number of ways including the agency's Internet and toll-free hot line services. News and calendar can be reached at www.cpsc.gov. To assist you, the hot line can be reached 24 hours a day, seven days a week, 365 days a year, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern time at 800/638-2772. Hearing-impaired callers can dial the tele-typewriter at 800/638-8270.

MEN'S HEALTH

Men, This is Your Day!

Take time for your health with our free screenings on September 6, 2001.



Diabetes, heart disease, arthritis and prostate health are just a few of the health concerns men of all ages continue to face. Every day we hear new statistics on how these health issues are impacting an individual's quality of life. We are also inundated with information on new medications and treatment therapies, which often leave us confused about how to manage our health.

You're invited. Mark your calendar and plan to join members of Southeast Alabama Medical Center's medical staff on Thursday,

September 6, for a day filled with education and information geared toward making you more knowledgeable and informed about your healthcare.

Free Screenings

We will also offer free screenings, as well as helpful educational information and pamphlets. Screenings for blood pressure, blood sugar, cholesterol and more will be provided free of charge to all participants.

Register Now!

To assist participants in scheduling times that fit their busy schedules, we will be offering two separate sessions (lunch and evening). To assist us in our preparations, reservations are required for each program.

Our Speakers

A couple of weeks before the program, you will receive a reminder and program schedule, which will include information about the speakers, their topics and the time each will be speaking.

Fight the Silent Killer at The Diabetes Treatment Center

Diabetes is serious. It is the leading cause of newly diagnosed blindness in the United States. Each year more than 12,000 adults lose their sight because of the disease. It also accounts for more than 65,000 leg and foot amputations annually. People with diabetes are 17 times more likely to have kidney disease than those people without the disease. And more seriously, diabetes is a leading cause of death in this country.

Diabetes can be silently at work in your body without your even knowing it. Most people with adult-onset diabetes have no symptoms for the first five to 10 years, while the disease is quietly wreaking havoc with their bodies.

Good News

Diabetes can be controlled. But to gain the upper hand, you must first determine whether or not you have the disease. People over age 45 should be tested at least once every three years. Talk with your physician, and make sure that you are being tested.

We're Here for You

The Diabetes Treatment Center at Southeast Alabama Medical Center will give you personalized care, arming you with the skills and support you need to be in control of your diabetes. Staffed by registered nurses and dietitians who are certified diabetes educators and certified external insulin

pump trainers, the Center was recently recognized by Medicare for providing high quality care at a low cost. People with diabetes require consistent regular care from a variety of medical specialists to maintain their health. The Diabetes Treatment Center can help you find the right doctors, set up appointments and coordinate your care.

Diabetes can be a deadly enemy. Let Southeast Alabama Medical Center and the Diabetes Treatment Center team up to arm you against this lethal disease. For more information about diabetes, call our Diabetes Hotline at (334) 793-8854 or 1-800-223-0843.

THE FACTS

Diabetes

People can get diabetes at any age, however, it usually occurs in individuals over 40 years of age. Approximately 7.5 million or 8.2 percent of all men in the United States have diabetes, yet more than one-third of these men do not know it. Adults over 45 years should be tested annually.

Heart Disease

According to the American Heart Association, close to 60 million Americans have one or more forms of cardiovascular disease (CVD). One-sixth of all people killed by CVD are under age 65, and six million men die annually due to coronary artery disease. Call (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998 to learn how to decrease your risk for heart disease.

Prostate Cancer

The American Cancer Society estimates that 180,400 American men will be diagnosed with prostate cancer this year and 31,900 will die. Despite the bleak numbers, 89 percent of men diagnosed with the disease will survive at least five years and 63 percent will survive at least 10 years. Early detection helps to increase survival rates. Schedule your annual checkup today.

Arthritis

There are more than 100 types of arthritis, and the cause of most types is unknown. Chances are that you or someone you know has arthritis. It causes pain, stiffness and swelling in or around joints, making it difficult to carry out everyday tasks. There are steps you can take now, however, to avoid arthritis or to reduce pain and keep moving.

Am I at Risk for Diabetes?

Find out if you are at risk for diabetes. Consider whether you've experienced any of the following symptoms in the past two weeks.

- excessive thirst
- constant hunger
- frequent urination
- sudden, unexplained weight loss
- blurring of vision
- slow-healing cuts
- unexplained fatigue or loss of energy

If you answered "yes" to any of the questions, it's time to have a diabetes test. Call the Medical Call Center at (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998 today to schedule your diabetes screening.

YOUR HEART

Could This be You?

At 43, Dan Fieldstone thought he had it all—except heart disease.

Dan Fieldstone is a 43-year-old, 5'2", 185-lb. successful businessman. He is married and a father of three. In his spare time, Dan enjoys golfing, fishing and gardening.

Now imagine Dan on a warm summer day. He's just come in from filling the garden to ask his wife if she needs him to pick up something while he's at the nursery getting seeds and bedding plants. He rolls and flexes his shoulders trying to work out the dull ache in his arms and back. When the stretching provides no relief, he shrugs it off and blames it on the jarring of the ride.

After a hot shower fails to banish the aches, Dan tells himself that he's young and in good shape and should be feeling better soon. But he's beginning to

worry, and the pain is increasing. Six hours later, Dan's listening to the emergency room doctor say that he suspects the pain's source is blockage in his coronary arteries.

Over the next five days, Dan undergoes a variety of invasive and non-invasive tests that confirm the emergency room doctor's suspicions: partial blockage in two of his coronary arteries. And with that news, Dan joins the ranks of more than 68 million other Americans diagnosed with some form of cardiovascular disease.

Could You be Dan?

Should this happen to you, you can take comfort in knowing that Southeast Alabama Medical Center (SAMC) has earned a distinguished reputation for the level of cardiology services available to residents of the Wiregrass area. Providing specialty cardiac care services that are among the most advanced in the region, our technologically advanced diagnostic and surgical techniques are on the leading edge of heart care.

12 Reasons to Trust SAMC

Southeast Alabama Medical Center offers a comprehensive array

of cardiology services, including:

1. **Non-invasive procedures** to test you for heart disease, including electrocardiograms, holter monitoring, echocardiograms, and stress tests.

2. **Nuclear cardiology studies**, which are available through the hospital's Radiology department.

3. **Two cardiac catheterization labs** for the diagnosis of coronary artery disease through routine studies and treatment, such as balloon angioplasty, stent placement and stents.

4. **An electrophysiology lab** that provides diagnostic testing to determine the causes of abnormal heart rhythms, and treatment through catheter ablation and implantation of artificial pacemakers and implantable defibrillators.

5. **An eight-bed Coronary Care Unit (CCU)**, where patients with serious heart problems are closely monitored and receive specialized care.

6. **Two open heart surgery suites** staffed with highly skilled and specially trained heart surgery teams.

7. **A cardiac rehabilitation program** that is designed for patients who have experienced heart attacks, coronary artery bypass grafting, angioplasty and valve replacement surgery, or who suffer from angina.

8. **Telemetry monitoring** that is available in all patient rooms.

9. **Caring Hearts** is a support group for cardiac rehabilitation and their families.

10. **Community education programs** offer up-to-date information on the treatment and prevention of heart disease.

11. **The Sleep Disorders Center**, which helps diagnose sleep-related breathing problems that can lead to chronic high blood pressure, heart attacks and strokes.

12. **The Pediatric Cardiology Clinic**. Twice a month, pediatric cardiologists from the University of Alabama, Birmingham, see patients in the Same Day Surgery department, where three suites have been specially equipped to accommodate pediatric cardiology exams and evaluations. ■



FREE BROCHURE

For a free cardiology services brochure, call (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998. When the operator begins speaking, press 3.

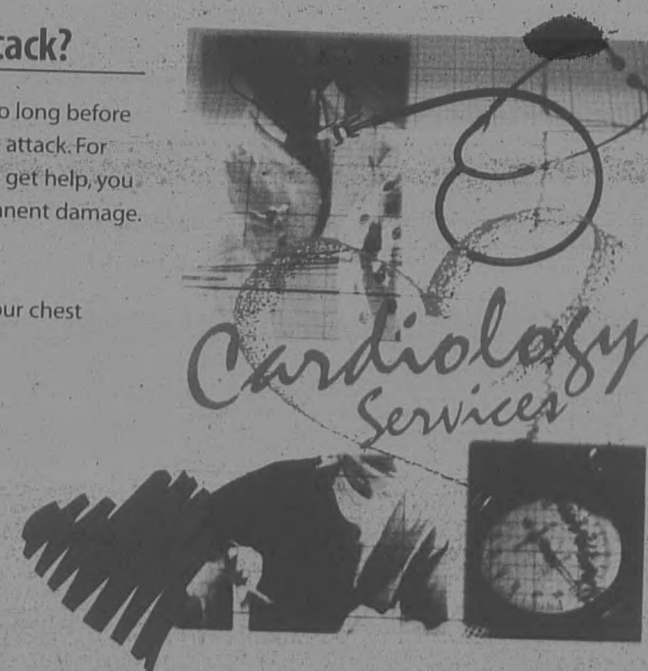
Is It a Heart Attack?

Most people wait too long before seeking help for a heart attack. For every minute you fail to get help, you may be incurring permanent damage.

Know the Symptoms

- Pain or tightness in your chest
- Heartburn or nausea
- Shortness of breath
- Unusual jaw pain
- Numbness or tingling in your left arm

If you experience one or more of the above symptoms, dial 911.



HERE FOR YOU

Meet Our Heart Team

The cardiologists on staff at Southeast Alabama Medical Center are dedicated to providing compassionate and cost-effective cardiac evaluation, treatment and care of the highest quality to those we serve in the Wiregrass area.

Our cardiologists and specially-trained registered nurses and technologists form a unique cardiology team capable of providing a comprehensive range of the highest quality diagnostic and therapeutic cardiac services.

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Request your free copy today. Call the Medical Call Center at (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998. When the operator begins speaking, press 3.

Cardiovascular Surgeons

The cardiovascular surgeon performs operations on the heart and blood vessels of the body. There are many different types of operations on the heart, including the replacement of heart valves and bypasses of blocked coronary arteries. Training in the specialization of cardiovascular surgery involves the completion of a general surgery residency program, followed by two or more years of specialized training in all aspects of heart, blood vessel and chest surgeries.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

Taking Care of You

Southeast Alabama Medical Center's new Women's Imaging Center was designed to meet your healthcare needs.

We know that a woman has special needs. She often gives so much to others that sometimes she doesn't take enough time to care for herself. At Southeast Alabama Medical Center, we're committed to recognizing and meeting the healthcare needs of all women. That's one reason why we developed the new Women's Imaging Center. Located on the second floor of the Doctors' Building at Southeast Alabama Medical Center, the new center was designed with today's woman in mind. The new center offers women the privacy, comfort, special treatment and reassurance that they have been looking for.

Designed to meet the schedules of today's busy women, the Center's hours

are Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Warm and Inviting

Upon entering the center, you will find a modern, yet warm and inviting atmosphere. The spacious waiting area includes a coffee, juice and refreshment center.

Adjacent to the waiting area, you will find our Resource Center. This center offers information and education. Library offers free health information brochures, as well as

books and videotapes that cover a wide variety of health topics that can be checked out for one month free of charge. As an added benefit, a certified breast health coordinator is available to instruct patients in how to perform a self-breast exam, answer questions and help locate any information and services the patients may need.

The new Women's Imaging Center has also centralized all screening and diagnostic mammograms, stereotactic breast biopsies and all women's ultrasounds.

Years of Experience

The facility and staff are accredited by the American College of Radiology and the Food and Drug Administration.

The radiologists offer the combined experience of more than 80 years in mammography and ultrasound interpretation. To further enhance the center's value to the community, all mammography technologists are specially trained and receive mammography certification from the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

Schedule Your Mammogram Today

Visit or call your private physician and ask for a mammogram referral. Then call (334) 793-8006 or 1-800-548-1537 to schedule your mammogram. If you do not have a physician, we will be happy to assist you in locating one who will meet your individual needs.

We're dedicated to taking care of the person who takes care of everyone else.



Do You Know the Early Signs of Breast Cancer?

- A mammogram may detect cancer as small as 0.2 centimeters.
- A mammogram can easily detect this size.
- The average size discovered by an annual mammogram is 0.4 centimeters.
- Size found by most first mammograms.
- The average size of lumps found through frequent self-examination is 0.8 centimeters.
- An occasional self-examiner might find this cancer.
- Most occasional self-examiners detect lumps at 1.7 centimeters.
- A woman untrained in self-examination could discover this size by accident.
- This cancer may have been growing for 10 years or more before being felt by an untrained examiner.

To schedule your mammogram today, call (334) 793-8006 or 1-800-548-1537.

WOMEN'S SERVICES

Healthy Advice For Women

Up-to-date healthcare information and advice is only a phone call away.

Southeast Alabama Medical Center is committed to improving the healthcare of women. We recognize that women's healthcare has traditionally been defined as health needs different from men: reproductive health, maternity care, breast and cervical cancer. While these are important health issues, we understand that women's health is broader than those concerns.

registered nurse who will carefully listen to your questions, then help you make an informed decision. You'll receive accurate, confidential information in the privacy of your home, free of charge. ■

A Phone Call Away

The Medical Call Center's Women's Advice Line and Health Information LibrarySM provides access to thousands of healthcare topics. Using your touch-tone phone, you can access hundreds of topics providing information and advice on almost any medical condition or disease in which you might have an interest. Even more important, if you don't find exactly what you are looking for, or if you need more information, you can speak directly with a registered nurse.

Our registered nurses use a computerized database to provide you with fast, reliable healthcare information. When you dial our number, you'll speak directly with a specially trained



Did You Know?

Did you know that in the United States,

- 240,000 women die each year from heart disease.
- 49,000 women die each year from lung cancer.
- 43,000 women die each year from breast cancer.
- 27,000 women die each year from colon cancer.
- Women are three times more likely than men to have episodes of clinical depression.
- Women are the primary caregivers and caretakers for themselves and their families.
- Women are the major caregivers for their parents and parents-in-law.

How Much Do You Know About Breast Cancer?

Test your knowledge about breast cancer with the following quiz.

- Over 75 percent of women who are diagnosed with breast cancer are age 50 or older.
True False
- Most women who develop breast cancer have a family history of the disease.
True False
- Which disease claims the lives of the most women in the United States?
A. Lung cancer B. Heart disease
C. Breast cancer D. Ovarian cancer
- Who is more likely to develop breast cancer?
A. African-American women B. White women
C. Hispanic women
- African-American women are more likely to die of breast cancer than white women.
True False
- Which of the following is a risk factor for breast cancer?
A. Age B. Family history
C. Never having children or having a first child after age 30
D. Having early menstrual periods or late menopause
E. All of the above
- At what age should women begin getting mammograms?
A. 50 B. 35
C. 40 D. 45
- Older women don't need mammograms.
True False
- Most breast cancers can be seen on a mammogram several years before they can be felt as a lump.
True False
- Breast cancer can be prevented.
True False

If you missed even one answer, you need to learn more about breast healthcare. For a complimentary package of information, including the correct and detailed answers to these questions, please call the Medical Call Center at (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998.



SUPPORT GROUPS

Someone to Lean On

Southeast Alabama Medical Center's support groups are here for you and your family. For more information, call us at (334) 712-3336 or log on to www.samc.org.

ALS Support Group

Date: Meets Quarterly
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: Sherry Sullivan, Physical Therapy, at (334) 793-8726

Better Breathers

Date: Third Tuesday each month
Time: 10 a.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: Cardiac Rehab at (334) 793-8025

Breast Cancer

Date: Second Thursday each month
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Cancer Friends

For all cancer patients, their families and friends.
Date: Third Thursday each month
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Seventh floor conference suite
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Caring Hearts

Date: Second Wednesday each month
Time: Noon
Place: Seventh floor conference suite
Info: Cardiac Rehab at (334) 793-8025

Crohn's Disease

Date: Last Thursday each month
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Diabetes

Date: Meets quarterly
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Seventh floor conference suite
Info: Diabetes Treatment Center at (334) 793-8854 or 1-800-223-0843

Fibromyalgia

Date: Third Monday each month
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Private dining room
Info: Faye Brown at (334) 677-7625

G.I.F.T.S.

Growing Independent Families Through Support
Date: Meets every other month
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Grief

Date: Every Tuesday
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Place: Occupational Therapy room, first floor
Info: Behavioral Medicine at (334) 793-8858

ICD

Implantable Cardiac Defibrillator
Date: Meets monthly
Info: Tony Canalejo R.N., Cardiac Rehab, at (334) 793-8025

Parkinson's

Date: Second Thursday of each month
Time: 6 p.m.
Place: Seventh floor conference suite
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Prostate Cancer

Date: First Thursday of each month
Time: 7 p.m.
Place: Seventh floor conference suite
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

Sjogren's Syndrome

Date: Third Monday every other month
Time: 10 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: Janis Monk at (334) 691-2723

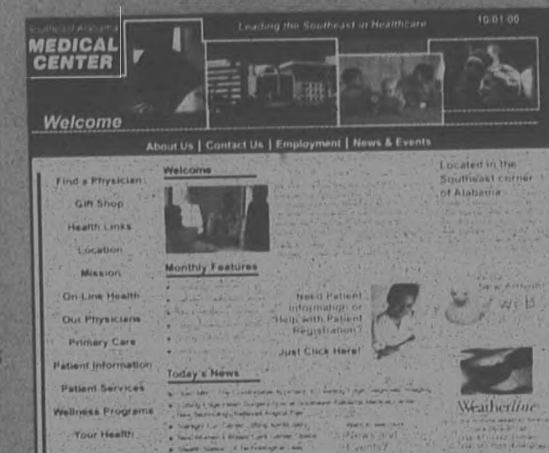
Stroke

Date: Fourth Thursday of each month
Time: 11:30 a.m.
Place: First floor conference room
Info: (334) 712-3336 or 1-800-735-4998

How to find the road to health while traveling on the information superhighway!

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You've got questions. Lots of questions. Like how to find the doctor who's just right for you, or a pediatrician for your children. Or how about a specialist for a problem or something as simple as how to find a healthier lifestyle.



We've got answers. Log on to www.samc.org and you'll be connected to a remarkable team of doctors and nurses who have one mission: to provide you with answers. You'll also find information about our programs and services. So get online with Southeast Alabama Medical Center. The information you want is just a mouse click away.

MEDICAL Call Center

At the Medical Call Center, around-the-clock healthcare information is just a phone call away—24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

When you dial our number, you'll speak directly with a specially trained registered nurse who will carefully listen to your questions, then help you make an informed decision. You'll receive accurate, confidential information in the privacy of your home...free of charge.

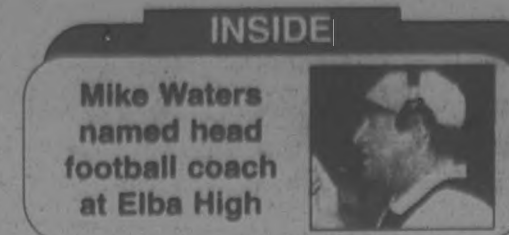
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During Elba City Council meeting

Dorsey gets \$2 million ADECA loan approval

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council voted to approve a short term ADECA \$2,000,000 float loan for Dorsey Trailers. The supporting resolution, passed Monday evening is the only involvement for the City of Elba. The actual low interest start-up loan, terms, repayment schedule, etc. are between The Dorsey Trailer Company and the Alabama Economic Development Office (ADECA). The paperwork for this loan is being handled by the SE Ala Regional Planning Commission and at no cost to the City of Elba.

The council also approved a resolution for a funding agreement on the local airport. This \$8,500 Department of Transportation (DOT) is a planning grant for work required to define the immediate and long range airport needs before proceeding with applications for

state and federal funds for repairs and/or expansion of the local airport.

At the request of Police Chief R. W. Whitworth and upon the recommendation of Mayor James Grimes, the council voted to take bids on a new DARE vehicle. According to Whitworth, the vehicle will be leased for three years and two local companies have agreed to pay the lease payments (sponsor the DARE program) for that time period. At the end of the lease, the City will be able to purchase the SUV type vehicle for about \$12,000, according to the chief.

DARE officer Dean Blair and the total DARE program came in for considerable praise from both the Chief and the Mayor. They noted that the local program goes above and beyond the basics requirements practiced in

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Elba BOE rehires teachers for upcoming school year

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City School Board voted last Thursday on the rehiring of all tenured and non-tenured staff members who had not resigned or retired, with three exceptions. First year aides Janna Hutchison, Melissa Smith and Lance McCollough. Two of these were filling in for teacher aides who were on one-year leave of absence. There will be at least two additional staff hires. One of the new hires will be a high school teacher/coach and another will be a secretarial aide. Staff resignations at the high school approved by the board include Nancy Clark, high school English and Boyd English, Social Science coach. At the elementary school Sherry Butler, Gifted Education; and Karen Carlson, Special Education resigned. All four of these resignations were to accept employment in other school systems. New hires approved upon the recommendation of Superintendent Danny Weeks include Brenda Brooks and

Doris Nolin, both working in the child nutrition program; also Tiffany Germany was reassigned from receptionist to Secretary/Bookkeeper and Mike Waters was promoted to head football coach from his assistant coach position. Reassignments include Lakisha Brackin, gifted education (from 6th grade) and Amelia Rhoades was named head volleyball coach.

Board members formally adopted a state approved change in the sick leave policy. Now employees can accumulate unlimited sick leave time—up from the 225 days previously allowed. Weeks told board members that the Elba School System is losing funding on 4.5 teacher units in the coming school year, but through tough decisions, has been able to maintain the current level of teachers.

After the Columbine incident, I felt very frustrated with the position we were in," Fuller said. "If this program keeps someone's kid from being shot, the time we have put into it has been well spent."

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Speed leads county commission meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Coffee County commissioners dealt with speed in more than one way Monday morning, July 23, during a regular bi-monthly meeting.

The commission entertained a request from a local citizen concerning traffic speeding on Coffee County Road 719 while at the same time zipping through the meeting's agenda in less than 30 minutes.

Randy Adkison, a county resident living on Coffee County Road 719, addressed the commission with his concern of early morning traffic using the road as a cut-through road to Ft. Rucker.

Adkison told commissioners that he would guess the average speed of traffic on the road between the hours of 6-8 a.m. is anywhere from 55 to 80 miles per hour.

"We're needing some help and I know you basically can't get speed bumps on a county road," Adkison said. "Anything y'all can do to help us on County Road 719, we would appreciate."

During his comments, Commissioner Doug Dalrymple said that speeding is occurring on the highway as well and not just one road. He said there have been several complaints of speeding all over the county.

"I would like for us to ask the sheriff to step up his appearance on roads," Dalrymple said. "Maybe check things and see if

these people are speeding."

The commissioners opened and awarded a bid for the sewage systems at the Damascus and Pine Level Senior Citizen Centers.

Three bids were received for this project, and Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion which received a second from Commissioner Linda Westbrook to accept the low bid from Russell Construction of Elba in

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Area Happenings

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL ORIENTATION Elba High School 7th Grade Orientation will be Thursday, July 26, at 6 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Students and parents are encouraged to attend. Students will pick up schedules, rent lockers and establish lunch accounts. Also, the students will have an opportunity to visit their classrooms.

COMMUNITY BAND CONCERT The Southeast Alabama Community Band will hold a concert Monday evening, July 30, at 7 p.m. at the Elba High School Auditorium. The band is conducted by Dr. John M. Long. The concert is open to the public, and admission is free.

Elba Marching Tiger Band prepares for upcoming season



MUSIC IN THE AIR... Although they are practicing in the above photo without instruments, the sound of music has been heard at times during the past week in Elba as the Elba Marching Tiger Band has begun preparation for the upcoming marching season. Band members began work last week with the annual "Rookie Camp" and this week has found all members working hard during Band Camp to get things ready for another successful year. Each year, the band puts forth a lot of hard work, sweat and tears in making the program better than ever. Above, band members learn their positions for part of the halftime show. The number of hours the band students will spend practicing moves such as the one above during the upcoming marching season is unknown, but the look of dedication is already evident on each and every student's face.

S.A.V.E. program designed to prevent school

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Local law enforcement and school systems in Coffee and Pike counties recently began the implementation of a new program that is designed to prevent violence in the school systems and among school aged children.

Mark Fuller, district attorney for the 12th Judicial Circuit, presented ideas for the S.A.V.E. Program (Students Against Violence in Education) to local law enforcement, school personnel and the media last Thursday, July 19, during a luncheon at Tartan Pines in Enterprise.

After the Columbine incident, I felt very frustrated with the position we were in," Fuller said. "If this program keeps someone's kid from being shot, the time we have put into it has been well spent."

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Crimestoppers program in that students have available to them a toll-free hotline number to call to report knowledge of a school crime, possession of drugs or anything that is deemed as an unsafe activity and should not be going on at the school.

He said the hotline is manned 24 hours a day—7 days a week, and the caller will remain anonymous. "This program should be a resource to provide schools with information concerning dangers coming into the school," said Fuller.

Therefore, he said the objective of the program is to reward students with monetary or in-kind compensation for information which alerts school officials to any potential dangers such as violence, handguns, weapons, drugs, etc. that may lead to tragic situations at the school facility.

The reward for students will be determined by S.A.V.E. board members and can be up to \$300. For younger children,

Fuller said the reward could be in the form of savings bonds, clothes, etc.

The S.A.V.E. program is being coordinated through the Coffee County Family Services Center, according to Fuller.

Last week, he and other S.A.V.E. officials were meeting with school system personnel, law enforcement and media to discuss the program and build upon ideas for ways to help make the program successful and be sure people know it exists. Fuller said in the coming weeks, he will be going to each individual school in Coffee and Pike counties to discuss the program.

"We want to get people involved and make this a grass-roots program," said Fuller. "I look at this as an individual responsibility."

He said he believes it is each and every person's responsibility in Coffee and Pike counties to do whatever necessary to help ensure the safety of the children, and he hopes S.A.V.E. is a positive step in that direction.

The concept of the program is for the student to call the toll-free number for S.A.V.E. where an operator will fill out a report from the student's call. The operator will then assign the call an identification number which is given to the student, and the student will give the operator a password. That password is assigned to the identification number. The student will need to remember both the call identification number and his/her password.

After the call is complete, the operator will report the information to the school representative. If the information proves to be legitimate, the identification number is posted on a bulletin board at the particular school.

Fuller said once the student who reported the incident sees his/her call identification number on the bulletin board, he/she will contact the school representative. The student will give the school representative the call identification number and password. If both the call identification number and the password are correct, the student is presented the reward which was

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State and county traffic fatalities decrease in 2000

Islands and Puerto Rico.

The number of traffic deaths in Alabama decreased by approximately 14 percent last year, according to the Alabama Department of Public Safety. Traffic fatalities totaled 990 in 2000, a reduction of 158 from 1,148 traffic deaths reported in 1999.

"Alabama has the best and brightest in law enforcement, and their skill is clearly making a difference in public safety for all of our citizens," said Gov. Don Siegelman.

"Through continuing enforcement and safety education efforts, Alabama's law enforcement and traffic safety agencies are working to reduce the incidence of traffic crashes and their tragic consequences," said Col. James H. Alexander, Public Safety director. He said DUI,

speed and safety belt enforcement would continue to be areas of emphasis for trooper enforcement activity.

Alexander said intensive enforcement of the state's primary safety belt law and the corresponding increase in safety belt use had a positive effect on traffic safety in Alabama last year. Enforcement of the primary law began in December 1999. During the first full year of enforcement, surveys showed statewide safety belt use increased from 58 percent in 1999 to 71 percent in 2000.

Many lives could be saved if more Alabamians would buckle up, according to Alexander. Of 990 traffic fatalities reported during 2000, 875 were vehicle occupants (excludes pedestrian).

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